

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Original)            An ambiphilic solid particle composition for use in dermal (topical) composition, which comprises

a) water insoluble synthetic porous agglomerates of organic and/or inorganic compounds with specific surface area greater than 40 m<sup>2</sup>/g,

b) at least one lipophilic component,

c) at least one hydrophilic component,

d) at least one physiologically acceptable surfactant, and, optionally,

e) a biologically active compound and other excipients.

2. (Original)            A dermal or topical composition obtained from an ambiphilic solid particle composition according to claim 1, wherein the ambiphilic solid particle composition is dispersed, which essentially consists of 1 wt % to 50 wt % of porous agglomerates of water-insoluble solid particles of organic and/or inorganic compounds with specific surface area greater than 40m<sup>2</sup>/g, and, optionally, at least one biologically active compound and, optionally further pharmaceutically acceptable ingredients.

3. (Currently Amended) A lotion, gel, cream or paste like skin care composition prepared by homogeneously mixing and dispersing 1 wt % to 10 wt % of the a powder composition ~~from~~ according to claim 1 in a suitable base carrier.

4. (Original) An ambiphilic solid particle composition according to claim 1, which comprises

a) 10 wt % to 95 wt %, of water insoluble synthetic porous agglomerates of organic and/or inorganic compounds with specific surface area greater than 40m<sup>2</sup>/g,

b) 1 wt % to 50 wt % of at least one lipophilic component compatible with sebum,

c) 0.5 wt % to 50 wt % of at least one hydrophilic component,

d) 0.1 wt % to 25 wt % of at least one pharmaceutically acceptable surfactant and

e) 1 wt % to 20 wt % water or bound moisture and, optionally, 1 wt % to 10 wt % of one or more biologically active compound, stabilizers, preservatives.

5. (Currently Amended) An ambiphilic solid particle composition according to claim 1, wherein the component a) consists of a synthetic porous material selected from the group consisting of amorphous ~~A12O3•MgO•2SiO2•nH2O,~~ ~~CaHPO4•mH2O, CaSiO4, Ca3SiO5~~ Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>•MgO•2SiO<sub>2</sub>•nH<sub>2</sub>O, CaHPO<sub>4</sub>•mH<sub>2</sub>O, CaSiO<sub>4</sub>, Ca<sub>3</sub>SiO<sub>5</sub> and dibasic anhydrous calcium phosphate.

6. (Currently Amended) A skin care composition according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 to 4 for adsorbing oils and hydrating skin, scalp and hair.

7. (Original)            A method to adsorb/ absorb sebum and hydrate skin involving a dispersed system comprising;

a) water insoluble synthetic porous agglomerates of organic and/or inorganic compounds with specific surface area greater than  $40 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ ,

b) at least one lipophilic component,

c) at least one hydro-active compound dissolved with a swollen hydrophilic polymer,

d) at least one amphiphilic or amphipathic surfactant,

e) 10 wt % to 99 wt % hydrophilic, lipophilic or particulate carriers or ingredients,

f) optionally a biological active compound and other excipients,

that is mixed with a porous ambiphilic matrix and provides a reservoir for lubricating and hydrating the skin.